

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:304
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2001
ANTHRAX CRISIS
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether USA needs medicines to quell the Anthrax crisis;
- (b) If so, whether in view of this, the Government have taken any steps to ensure export of such medicines which are available in plenty in India by the Indian Pharmaceutical Firms to US;
- (c) If so, the details thereof; and
- (d) If not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): The Government of India had offered to the United States supply of US \$ 1 million worth of Ciprofloxacin for treatment of Anthrax. The Government was informed that the United States Government would not be availing of the offer, as they had, in the meantime, been able to arrange for ample supply of Ciprofloxacin within the United States.